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Dear FCC Commissioners and Staff:

My name is Kevin Kennedy, and I am an Amateur Radio operator, with the callsign KM9K. I am a member of the Western Illinois Amateur Club (WIARC) in Quincy, IL, and I would like to submit my concerns regarding the proposed implementation of the Broadband over Power Lines (BPL).

As a member of the WIARC, a local group with membership exceeding 100 members, I have been a part of many public service events, community services, and emergency disaster services. When a tornado ripped through our area on 10 May 2003, local amateur radio operators, along with the local American Red Cross, were instrumental in providing emergency communications, and coordinating mobile damage assessments.

Experimental BPL tests have shown levels of interference to communications in the HF and VHF portions of the radio spectrum, in certain areas where it was implemented. These tests included sites in Raleigh, NC, where interference was noticed on 24 and 28 megahertz, and in four locations where tests were conducted by ARRL Laboratory Manager Ed Hare.

If fully implemented, BPL's potential interference is immense and could affect licensed services throughout the HF and VHF radio spectrum, including the amateur radio community, public service agencies, community services agencies, FEMA, the US military, and Homeland Security agencies.

I believe that BPL should be studied further before it is implemented on a large scale, or any changes are made to the emission limits of Part 15.

I would request that my comments be entered into the Public Comments file of ET Docket Number 04-37.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Kennedy